

Maryland Department of Health
STATE BOARD OF LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS

MARCH 15, 2023
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The 458th Board Meeting was convened at 9:37 a.m. at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215 in Room 100 on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Members Present

1. John Beyer (by phone)
2. Debra Buckalew
3. Patricia Cash
4. Kelly Freidman, Board Chair
5. Kimberly Malin
6. Andre Moshenberg
7. Heather Reed
8. Michelle Rosenheim
9. Earl Runde
10. Nader Tavakoli-Jalili
11. Michael Willis, Vice Chair

Representatives of the State

1. Ciara J. Lee
Executive Director
2. Kellie C. Smith
Deputy Director/Licensing Coordinator
3. David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel
Assistant Attorney General
4. Lillian Reese
Legislative and Regulation Coordinator

Visitors

1. Kimberly Link
Senior Advisor for Health Boards

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

Recognition of Visitors

Board Chair Friedman welcomed visitors to the Board Meeting and allowed them to introduce themselves. Ms. Kimberly Link attended as a visitor.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 457th Board Meeting, held on Wednesday February 8, 2023 and minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting, held on Wednesday March 1, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Chair's Report

Board Chair Friedman stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 106.

Office Report

Ms. Lee gave the following report:

For the month of February:

- 3 Original licenses were issued
- 16 licenses were renewed
- 1 AIT application was processed
- 3 Endorsement applications were processed
- 2 Inactive status applications were processed

As of March 15, 2023, there are currently:

- 491 active LNHA's
- 23 inactive LNHA's
- 426 non-renewed (lapsed) LNHA's
- 20 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

Credentials Committee Update

During the March 7, 2023, Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

- 1 new 12-month AIT program
- 1 resumption of a 12-month AIT program at a new facility with a new preceptor
- 3 endorsement applications
- 1 12-month AIT candidate ready for licensure

Financial Disclosures – Due by April 30, 2023

Ms. Lee reminded the Board Members that their 2022 Financial Disclosure (Form 2) are due by April 30, 2023. Board Members may submit the form at <https://efds.ethics.maryland.gov> and must contact the Ethics Commission Office at 410-260-7770 if they need assistance. Ms. Lee will send another reminder to Board Members via email as soon as possible. If a Board Member has already completed their 2022 Financial Disclosure, they may disregard the reminder.

Board Appointment Updates

Ms. Lee stated that the Board Office recently received notification from Ms. Link that the Governor's Appointment Office has closed the Board Appointment Application portal until sometime in April. The Board's Board Member appointment terms are April 22nd - April 21st every 4 years. This means that Board Members for the vacant Board Seats will not be appointed by the term start date. It is possible that the new Governor's Administration will develop a new process for vetting Board Appointment applications. Once we receive notification of when the application portal will be opening back up for applications, the Board will be notified at that time.

Legislative Updates

Ms. Patricia Cash, Legislative Committee Chair, provided an overview of the legislative bills that were introduced during February and March 2023 and the positions that were made by the Legislative Committee.

Date Received	Bill Number	Legislative Committee Position	Board Ratified
2/13/2023	SB 665	Support	Support
2/15/2023	HB 1148	No Position	No Position
2/16/2023	HB 906	No Position	No Position
2/17/2023	SB 648	Letter of Concern	Letter of Concern
3/2/2023	SB 509	No Position	No Position
3/6/2023	SB 949	No Position	No Position

On March 8, 2023, Ms. Lee and Mr. David Wagner, Board Counsel, met with the founder of Real Time Medical Systems and his Governmental Affairs Team to discuss their proposal for SB 648. During the Board Meeting, Ms. Lee and Mr. Wagner provided the Board a brief synopsis of the March 8th meeting. For SB 648, the Board decided to maintain the Letter of Concern submitted to the General Assembly for this year's Legislative Session. The Board also requested to receive any updates regarding amendments to the bill for further consideration, in addition to obtaining any substantive data, such as peer-reviewed studies or reports, to determine the effectiveness of Real Time Medical Systems' services as the information Real Time provided during the March 8th meeting indicates its service could greatly improve the conditions of nursing home residents.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.



Executive Director



Board Chair